

**EXHIBIT A**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Gunnar ANDERSSON *et al.*

Application No.: 09/733,079

Group Art Unit: 1772

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Examiner: Marc A. Patterson, PH.D.

For: MULTI-LAYER FILM AND METHOD OF  
MAKING SAME

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated July 16, 2003, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-34.

The items checked below are appropriate.

1. ☒ Notice of Appeal: Fee \$320.00

☐ Fee \$160.00 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

☒ Fee \$320.00 is enclosed .

☐ Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)

2. ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.18 to Deposit Account No. 50-1710 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

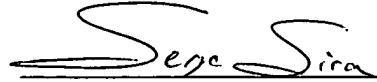
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3. ■ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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